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Re: Docket No. 00N-1399 – Request for Extension of Comment Period

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Animal Health Institute is the national trade association representing the major U.S. manufacturers of animal health products, including veterinary pharmaceutical products that will be affected by the regulations implementing the procedures to be followed for requesting, conducting, and documenting pre-submission conferences.

AHI respectfully requests a forty-five (45) day extension on the submission of comments to this docket. This time is needed to allow the Institute membership to fully analyze the proposed rule and prepare a comprehensive response.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

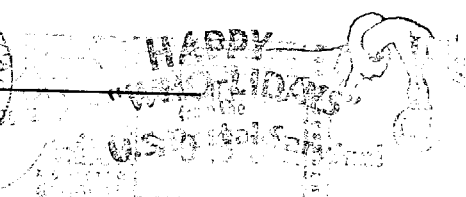
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